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PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, DECEMBER, 1947.

This bulletin has been prepared from detailed tabulations, made available by the Commonwealth Statistician, of unemployed persons in Queensland who were in receipt of Commonwealth unemployment benefit at the end of December, 1947. The information covers only those persons actually in receipt of unemployment benefit, no account being taken of those whose applications for benefit were awaiting consideration or those who did not apply for benefit. The figures given, therefore, are only a part of total unemployment, although the proportions due to the various causes and in the various industries are broadly applicable to the total. Persons receiving sickness or special benefits are also excluded. Details for districts by causes and industries in which last employed are given in the attached tables.

Comparison with Previous Months.

December 1947 figures of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit were 2,245 males and 69 females, the total of 2,314 being 3,825 below the corresponding figure for the previous December.

<u>End of Month.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
		<u>1946.</u>			<u>1947.</u>	
October ..	2,814	86	2,900	1,827	80	1,907
November ..	3,570	94	3,664	1,664	70	1,734
December ..	5,971	168	6,139	2,245	69	2,314
		<u>1947.</u>				
January ..	7,262	228	7,490			
February ..	7,394	198	7,592			
March ..	6,505	184	6,689			
April ..	4,698	149	4,847			
May ..	3,935	151	4,086			
June ..	3,102	129	3,231			
July ..	2,747	113	2,860			
August ..	2,039	97	2,136			
September ..	1,912	87	1,999			

The increase in seasonal unemployment, which commenced in October, 1947, was not sufficient to cause a rise in total unemployment in either October or November as other causes continued to decrease, but during December, when all causes with the exception of "Medical unfitness" showed increases, the total unemployment rose by 530.

The number of females receiving benefit at the end of December was 69, compared with 70 for November, and 168 a year earlier.

Causes of unemployment are given on the next page for the months of December, 1946, February, 1947 (the peak month), November and December, 1947, together with the net decrease during the twelve months ended December, 1947, for each cause.

Apart from "Medical unfitness", all causes recorded increases during December, 1947. Compared with figures of a year earlier (December, 1946), all causes showed very substantial decreases. Even the number unemployed because of seasonal work or weather conditions, which had been increasing since September, 1947, was only one third as large in December, 1947, as a year earlier - 779 compared with 2,363. All other causes, except "Quitted because work too heavy, etc.", showed figures less than half as great as in December, 1946.

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<u>Cause of Unemployment.</u>	<u>December,</u> <u>1946.</u>	<u>February,</u> <u>1947.</u>	<u>November,</u> <u>1947.</u>	<u>December,</u> <u>1947.</u>	<u>Decrease</u> <u>Dec. 1946</u> <u>to Dec.,</u> <u>1947.</u>
Medical unfitness for type of work, work too heavy ..	116	100	42	32	84
Inefficiency, incompetence	136	144	52	60	76
Establishment closed, reduction of staff ..	714	854	279	320	394
Replaced by re-instated servicemen	134	131	36	37	97
Shortage of materials ..	240	252	55	65	175
Seasonal work and weather conditions	2,363	3,327	396	779	1,584
Casual work	781	958	282	342	439
Discharged or laid-off for other reasons	478	514	142	162	316
Quitted because work too heavy, medically unfit, etc. ..	405	440	240	283	122
Quitted for other reasons	278	324	104	125	153
Not previously employed ..	494	548	106	109	385
	6,139	7,592	1,734	2,314	3,825

The following statement shows the number of persons drawing benefit in each district in December, 1946, November and December, 1947, and in the month of 1946-47 showing the highest level of unemployment. The decrease from December, 1946, to December, 1947, is also shown. All important districts except Townsville and Charters Towers showed figures in December, 1947, substantially less than the corresponding figures a year earlier. In the northern sugar districts of Ingham, Innisfail, and Cairns the total was only 17, compared with 659 in the earlier December.

<u>District.</u>	<u>December,</u> <u>1946.</u>	<u>Peak Month of</u> <u>Unemployment</u> <u>during 1946-47.</u>	<u>November,</u> <u>1947.</u>	<u>December,</u> <u>1947.</u>	<u>Decrease</u> <u>December,</u> <u>1946, to</u> <u>December</u> <u>1947.</u>
Brisbane ..	1,963	2,065 (Feb. 1947)	811	839	1,124
Ipswich ..	190	190 (Dec. 1946)	18	22	168
Cympie ..	21	30 (Feb. 1947)	5	11	10
Maryborough ..	207	221 (Jan. 1947)	16	38	169
Bundaberg ..	550	596 (Jan. 1947)	23	13	537
Toowoomba ..	152	177 (Feb. 1947)	48	66	86
Warwick ..	42	42 (Dec. 1946)	26	32	10
Roma ..	24	24 (Dec. 1946)	7	8	16
Charleville ..	75	75 (Dec. 1946)	17	34	41
Rockhampton ..	853	1,462 (Jan. 1947)	225	262	591
Emerald ..	5	10 (Jan. 1947)	4	4	1
Longreach ..	117	117 (Dec. 1946)	21	78	39
Mackay ..	629	861 (Mar. 1947)	107	308	321
Ayr ..	88	233 (Feb. 1947)	25	60	28
Townsville ..	335	616 (Mar. 1947)	205	345	10(a)
Ingham ..	49	440 (Mar. 1947)	3	2	47
Innisfail ..	195	368 (Mar. 1947)	3	2	193
Cairns ..	415	599 (Mar. 1947)	40	13	402
Charters Towers	145	182 (Feb. 1947)	113	156	11(a)
Atherton ..	55	78 (Mar. 1947)	14	16	39
Hughenden ..	29	52 (Feb. 1947)	3	5	24
Total State	6,139	7,592 (Feb. 1947)	1,734	2,314	3,825

(a) Increase.

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TABLE 1. - PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, QUEENSLAND.

DECEMBER, 1947.

DISTRICTS AND CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

DISTRICT.	Discharged or Laid-Off.								Quitted.		Total.		
	Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	Inefficiency, incompetence.	Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment.	Replaced by re-instated servicemen, relieving worker only.	Shortage of materials.	Seasonal work and weather conditions.	Casual work.	Discharged or laid-off for other reasons.	Medical unfitness, work too heavy, medical advice.	Quitted for other reasons.	Not previously employed.	Number.	Per 10,000 population.
Brisbane ..	19	40	165	22	40	60	146	82	149	55	61	839	
Ipswich ..	1	1	2	.	1	.	5	2	6	3	1	22	
Moreton ..	20	41	167	22	41	60	151	84	155	58	62	861	16
Gympie ..	.	1	3	1	.	.	2	1	2	.	1	11	
Maryborough	.	1	6	3	2	7	6	5	6	1	1	38	
Bundaberg	.	.	1	.	.	4	4	1	2	.	1	13	
S.E.Coastal	.	2	10	4	2	11	12	7	10	1	3	62	6
Toowoomba	.	.	11	1	4	10	16	10	9	2	3	66	
Warwick ..	.	2	6	.	.	5	8	5	2	4	.	32	
Roma ..	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	1	1	1	.	8	
Charleville	.	.	1	.	.	15	14	1	1	1	1	34	
Downs & S.W.	.	2	18	1	4	31	42	17	13	8	4	140	10
Rockhampton	2	5	51	2	4	113	23	14	23	18	8	262	
Emerald ..	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	4	
Longreach	.	2	5	.	.	59	3	1	8	.	.	78	
Central ..	2	7	56	2	4	174	26	15	31	18	9	344	35
Mackay ..	3	1	6	2	2	205	46	11	17	10	5	308	
Ayr ..	1	.	8	.	.	38	1	5	3	2	2	60	
Townsville	3	5	38	4	8	203	15	13	29	19	8	345	
Ingham ..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	2	
Innisfail	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	
Cairns ..	1	.	5	1	.	1	2	.	1	1	1	13	
N. Coastal	8	6	58	7	10	447	65	30	51	32	16	730	48
Charters Towers ..	2	1	10	1	2	52	38	8	23	5	14	156	
Atherton ..	.	1	.	.	.	3	8	1	.	2	1	16	
Hughenden	.	.	1	.	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	5	
North West	2	2	11	1	4	56	46	9	23	8	15	177	39
TOTAL STATE	32	60	320	37	65	779	342	162	283	125	109	2,314	21

TABLE 2. - PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, QUEENSLAND.

DECEMBER, 1947.

DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES.

DISTRICT.	Industry in Which Last Engaged.														TOTAL.
	Agricultural, Pastoral, and Dairying.	Other Primary (including Mining).	Engineering.	Food and Drink.	Other Factories.	Building and Construction.	Shipping and Wharf Work.	Transport.	Wholesale.	Retail.	Previously Employed by Australian or Allied Services.	Personal and Domestic Service.	Discharged Servicemen.	Other Industries.	
Brisbane ..	43	13	66	97	79	72	31	42	56	46	89	57	23	125	839
Ipswich ..	.	.	4	.	1	10	.	.	1	1	2	2	1	.	22
Moreton ..	43	13	70	97	80	82	31	42	57	47	91	59	24	125	861
Gympie ..	1	.	.	.	4	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	1	11
Maryborough	2	.	2	7	5	9	4	2	.	5	.	1	.	1	38
Bundaberg	3	.	.	5	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	13
S.E. Coastal	6	.	2	12	9	14	4	2	.	6	.	4	1	2	62
Toowoomba	15	.	4	5	2	11	.	6	3	2	3	6	1	8	66
Warwick ..	7	1	2	2	1	14	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	1	32
Roma ..	2	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	8
Charleville	25	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	2	2	.	.	1	.	34
Downs & S.W.	49	1	6	7	3	32	.	8	5	5	3	10	2	9	140
Rockhampton	29	7	5	116	9	47	7	7	6	10	.	7	2	10	262
Emerald ..	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	4
Longreach	68	2	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	78
Central ..	99	9	5	117	9	52	7	7	6	11	.	10	2	10	344
Mackay ..	76	2	6	154	8	29	8	4	3	3	1	8	2	4	308
Ayr ..	20	3	1	25	1	3	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	3	60
Townsville	21	6	11	207	5	51	2	4	11	2	6	10	3	6	345
Ingham ..	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
Innisfail	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
Cairns ..	1	.	.	1	.	3	3	.	1	2	.	.	.	2	13
N. Coastal	118	11	18	387	14	87	13	8	15	9	8	22	5	15	730
Charters Towers ..	22	15	1	47	4	36	.	2	1	4	15	2	2	5	156
Atherton ..	.	2	.	1	2	9	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	16
Hughenden	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	5
North West	24	17	1	43	6	47	.	2	2	5	16	2	2	5	177
TOTAL STATE	339	51	102	668	121	314	55	69	85	83	118	107	36	166	2,314

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